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## **Program Descriptions**

### *Concurrent Session A (1:00 – 2:30)*

#### **A1: Auditing Energy in Schools** (Carol Wilson, Wilson Educational Services)

How can students directly affect the amount of energy used in their own school? Carol Wilson of Wilson Educational Services will discuss programs already being utilized by students to learn about energy use and efficiency, identify problems within their school, and present their findings to their school board.



#### **A2: Water Sustainability** (Brandon Kernen & Jessica Brock, NH Dept. of Environmental Services)

Learn about sustainable water supply use and management in New Hampshire, including available programs and specific actions that individuals, businesses, schools, and government can take to promote water sustainability. Explore educational water-focused programs that DES offers to schools and organizations throughout the state. Educators will find useful information and ways their schools and organizations can promote the sustainable use of water, and explore Resources and activities for teaching about sustainable water supply management.



#### **A3: New Hampshire Farm to School Program** (Nathan Duclos, NH Farm to School Program)

Find out the ecological, social and health benefits of purchasing NH foods for school cafeterias and conducting farm to school programs. Through examples from several NH schools, participants will learn how food can become a great interdisciplinary subject! In addition, these partnerships support local farms, boost the local economy, and thereby help preserve open spaces and natural landscapes, and in doing so, help to sustain the rural character and important habitat of the state.



### *Concurrent Session B (3:00 – 4:30)*

#### **B1. Recycling in our Schools** (Northeast Resource Recovery Association)

Many municipalities have successful recycling programs, but what about the 'community within the community': our schools. By adopting a school recycling program, schools can establish and reinforce environmentally sound practices throughout the student's life, giving them the opportunity to continue this behavior as adults. This session will explore school recycling and the many different programs, opportunities, and resources offered to educators and schools through the School Recycling CLUB.



#### **B2: Indicators of Forest Sustainability** (Constance Carpenter, Sustainable Forests Coordinator, USDA Forest Service)

This session will introduce the seven criteria of sustainability that are being used around the world to monitor progress in forest sustainability. It will present information on associated indicators of forest sustainability available for New Hampshire. Participants will be introduced to a USFS website containing information to use in their own projects, and they will discuss how this information is being incorporated in the New Hampshire state forest assessment.



#### **B3: The NH Wildlife Action Plan: A Current Environmental Education Need** (Darrel Covell, UNH Cooperative Extension

Specialist, Wildlife) The New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan offers a new, comprehensive strategy to ensure the conservation of our state's wildlife species. Find out what are the latest environmental education needs related to wildlife conservation in the state. This session will provide an overview of current, wildlife-based needs, with connections to the 2005 NH Science Frameworks, specifically Life Science grades 5 through 12.



#### **B4: Action In Place** (Jim Merkel & Rowan Sherwood, Global Living Project)

Can an individual live well on an equitable level of biospheric consumption? This workshop approaches this question exploring the tools of Radical Simplicity: Learning from nature and place, Your Money or Your Life, and ecological footprinting. As an environmental educator, cultural creative or agent of change, personal sustainable practices provide the first-hand experiences that instill confidence that radical shifts in lifestyle and society are possible. Experiences drawn from include: Dartmouth College Sustainability Projects, Kerala, India, the Indian Himalayas, and the Global Living Project of East Corinth, Vermont.

## **Evening Presentations**

#### **Radical Simplicity – Tools for a Sustainable Future** (Jim Merkel & Rowan Sherwood, Global Living Project)

Imagine you are first in line at a potluck buffet. The spread includes not just food and water, but all the materials needed for shelter, clothing, healthcare, and education. How do you know how much to take? How much is enough to leave for your neighbors behind you -- not just the six billion people, but the wildlife, and the as-yet-unborn?



In the face of today's ecological and social issues many people feel the need to change their own lifestyles as a necessary step in transforming our unsustainable culture. As the effects of climate change and dwindling natural resources become apparent, the most risky option is status-quo. Can your life-quality and fulfillment rise, while you consume fewer non-renewable resources? Would you like to free-up time from the work-and-spend world and contribute to world peace, an end to poverty and sustainability? Jim Merkel and Rowan Sherwood will offer tools to guide you toward a personal sustainability goal. From there they offer a process to monitor progress to a lifestyle that is equitable amongst all people, species, and generations. Three practical tools will be discussed: "Your Money or Your Life," Ecological Footprints and Learning from Nature.